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RUSSIANS STRIP

CAPITAL; AWAIT

SEIZURE BY FOE

Occupation Expected to Re-

sult in Semblance of

Order at Least.

REAL PEACE DOUBTFUL

Belief, However, That Con-

gress in Moscow Will

Ratify Forced Treaty.

JAMBURG IS REOCCUPIED

Bolsheviki Also Assert That

They Hold Kiev, Despite

# 'WETS' IN PANIC **AS BACKERS IN ALBANY WAVER**

Reported Shift by Four Senators Portends Liquor Men's Defeat.

HOPE FADING

Conceded Defeat in Assembly, but Thought Upper House Safe.

WILL FIGHT FOR DELAY

But Legislative Leaders Oppose This and Vote Will Be Taken Next Week.

Special Despatch to Tax Sex. ALEANY, March 8 .- The brewery and quor interests became alarmed here toright with the reported sudden change sentiment of four Senators who had een counted upon as opposed to the III-McNab resolution ratifying the

Pederal prohibition amendment. The "wets" had conseded the adoption the resolution in the Assembly, but til to-day had considered that they had the Senate as safe as a Tammany total in the vest pocket of Charles F. Marphy. They are now panic stricken, it is declared that they can depend on end 23 sure votes against the ratification amendment. The report even gained salway here to-night that if Senator live E. Brown the Beautifican Ladder. It Brown, the Republican leader champion of the "wets," fluds he tot hold enough Senators to kill the lation be will not make a fight trainst it when it comes to a vote.

#### 26 Votes Needed to Win.

s one vacancy in the Senate. of Morris S. Halliday of Utica, who This leaves 27 votes either for the amendment or doubtful, votes are needed to adopt it. doubtful ones do not number more three or four, and with "dry" sentiswept to the anti-booze side up-State legislator to-day ex-

I'm not for prohibition, but in my way than for the ratification reso-

Assembly it is practically certhat at least seventy-eight members | gagements." vote for the resolution, not includ-the ten Socialists. The Socialists, le claiming that most of them are all abstainers, favor a referendum to section. They are now trying to get sentiment of their districts, and her they will vote for or against the a fleation resolution will not be known all they hear from their constituents.

Next week the prohibition question both houses. The fight is acknowlo be close, and it is expected that as a consummate artist. In the past for an average concert tour during the sense hand and the brewery and liquor ships on the other.

The "dry" forces are taking a great deal encouragement out of the signal victory of Gov. Whitman yesterday, when forced the Senate into a position of his playing during the continuation of his playing during the continuation of the war, but would appear for charit.

# Whitman for Prohibition.

The Governor has champloned the lich, cause right along and the anti-Dispersion of a bill referring was the principal soloist.

They look upon the introduction yeslast Orange, N. J., where he went to poration, sent this letter to O. H. Brown,
play at a benefit at which Mr. Warlich
Was the principal soloist.

"DEAR SR: We beg to call your olyman Malone of a bill referring was the principal soloist, ratification amendment to a vote people next fall as an effort on the people next tall as all for time.

The audience was friendly, has been described even as enthusiastic, but the described even as enthusiastic, but the Mayor of East Orange disapproved of sirrocates say, was offered merely to some wavering legislators an ex-

fication resolution man Republican leaders, providing war inergency prohibition, excepting beers mes, and amending the State Conon by making the State "dry." Anti-Saloon League has opposed the saloon saloon league has opposed eration of whether he would appear again until after the war is ended, and debating they were merely introducing they were merely introducing the subject with his tored to form attention away from the advocates will at the hearing in force, and it was expected to day that the attendance is expected to be so large that request has been made that it be held in the esembly chamber. It is possible that Emerson-Malone Tuckerman, Republican, of New a "wet," calling on Congress to the Legislature a statement of ote by which the Federal prohibi-

required number of votes, and says information he asks is not by Tuesday he will endelay the vote on the ratificaowever, assert they will not d for further delay.

The test of strength on the ratification solution is expected in the Senate bursday, when Senator Wellington of toy, it is understood, will move to dishment from further consideraof the measure. His motion at least ring out a lineup on the question.

the Black Sea, near Trebizond, has been massacred, including even the bables.

Similar atrocities have been committed ate after passing the Assembly. in other towns and villages.

### How Senate Stands on Prohibition Measure

Special Desputch to THE SUN. ALBANY, March 8.—A tentative lineup of how the Senate stands to-day on the prohibition ratification resolution shows fifteen Democrats against it together with these eight Re-publicans: George F. Thompson, Sage, Nicholli, Ottinger, Crom-well, Emerson, Brown and New-

The "drys" claim twenty-three The "drys" claim twenty-three votes. They are: George L. Thompson, Murphy, Slater, Stivers, Towner, Walton, Walters, Wellington, Robinson, Whitney, Marshall, Wicks, A. P. Brown, Hill, Hewitt, Carson, Knight, Argetsinger, Mullan, Graves, Gibbs, Fowler and Valvarton.

Yelverton. The doubtful members are Lawson, Gilchrist, Lockwood and Burlingame.

# WAR SILENCES

Noted Musician Cancels All a full measure of cooperation in speed- of violating the new regulations will be Engagements, Even Unpaid Ones for Charities.

EAST ORANGE IS BLAMED

Austrian Officer Had Given Up \$80,000 Income in Face of Criticisms.

Having arrived at the conclusion that the United States are likely to cause him Kreisler, the violinist, caused the announcement to be made yesterday that for all public purposes he has hung up his fiddle and his bow and will not be

Mr. Kreisler in addition to being a great musical artist is a Lieutenant in the Austrian army and bears the scars of war. At the beginning of interna-tional hostilities, and before this counwhat is becoming the prevailing on the Austrian front and was slightly calls are preparing to advertise for partial are ten dry towns. I want to While Mr. Kreisler was convaiencent This procedure has been held up for

rict are ten 'dry' towns. I want to While Mr. Kreisler was convalescent to back here next year, and it would his Government, deciding that he was political suicide for me to vote any too valuable an asset to the nation to he risked on the fighting line, granted this district. There, however, seems no him a furlough and he came to this other solution.

country to keep a series of concert en-

# Boston Made First Objection.

It was after the United States had entered the conflict that he encountered embarrassment on the concert platform In Boston and in Philadelphia his ap-pearance was not received in a friendly spirit, and presently the report got in circulation that he was despatching his earnings to his own land by an underground route. His earnings have been large ever since he was fully accepted consummate artist. In the past

where without opposition it confi, med of the war, but would appear for charitable objects only. He has played infreof getting them in the water for at least quently during the musical season which is just ending, and on a few recent occasions has been heard at the piano only, as accompanist to Reinhard Warn people feel that his influence with from the concert stage was laid across his shoulders last Wednesday night in

# Disapproved by Officials.

the Warlich-Kreisler numbers and let The prohibition fight will start right tor at theatres and movie houses in supof Monday afternoon with a hearing on port of the war savings stamps. Mr. Kreisler did not press his right to appear at the Orange concert, but re-turned to this city without argument He gave Thursday to careful consid-

debating the subject with his friends made up his mind that he would not. He had a number of other engage-ments for what remains of the musical season, but has cancelled them all. Mr. Kreisler has had difficulty in understanding the attitude of those who have objected to is appearances, and insists that art is international and dis-Tuesday morning on the ratification arrist on account of his nationality.

The solution of Assembly is scheduled to vote orimination should not be made against an artist on account of his nationality. He has been quoted also as holding the view that klopted a resolution of Assemblyman wrong, but has asserted his privilege as an officer and gentleman when asked for his personal verification of the state-

# amendment was passed. Questions that the amendment had ARMENIANS BEING MASSACRED.

Turks Said to Renew Slaughter in Reoccupied Territory.

Special Cable Despatch to Tue Sun from the Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, March 8.—The Armenian In-

formation Bureau reports that the advancing Turkish forces are reoccupying want of caulkers, action has been de-Armenia and destroying all the remain-ferred in the hope that yourself and ing Armenians. Every Armenian male in Samsun, on

# **50 LAUNCHINGS** FOR NEW FLEET

Obstinate Little Group of Garfield Issues Regula-Caulkers Keeps Ships on Ways in Puget Yards.

185 MEN DELAY USERS OF COAL

MUST REGISTER

TO GET SUPPLY

tions Governing Distribu-

tion for 1918-19.

Delivered First-Cards

for Small Towns.

Special Desputch to Tax S

Washington, March 8 .- Fuel Admit

imprisonment or both. The provisions

An average reduction from present prices of 30 cents a ton is to be made by all retailers on coal sold between

April I and September 1.

Each customer ordering coal will be required to submit a certified statement of his requirements, his supply on hand and the amount he has ordered from various dealers.

Retailers must report to the Fuel Administrator cash month all delivered.

Administrator each month all deliveries, and are prohibited from delivering to any consumer facel in excess of the amount named in his certified

fixed normal requirements with the exception that orders of six tons or under may be filled at order.

Delivery of Final Third.

First of a Series.

a short time and await only form

control of large consumers.

and administrators concerned in th

cess upon the strict supervision and investigation of the certified statements of requirements. In many of the smaller

communities a system of coal cards is to be adopted. The two methods of precedure are optional with the Fuel

Administrator and within a few days

it is expected the local and State ad-ministrators will announce which plan

they will follow.
It is admitted by the Fuel Adminis

can be more easily violated. The card

of coal.

HUTCHESON IS OBDURATE PRICE IS CUT 30 CENTS

600 Workmen Needed, but He Two-thirds of Order Will Be Won't Act to Speed Up Building Programme.

Special Despatch to Tue Sus. Washington, March 8 .- With high officials of the Ailles and the United istrator Garfield announced to-day regit-States impressing more and more the lations adopted to insure ample coal absolute need of ships to make possible supplies next winter for domestic use. the American military offensive in The regulations will be effective April 1. Europe, the shipbuilding programme has Local administrators are expected to list encountered another serious delay prices consumers shall pay on and after through the unwillingness of a small that date. group of organized laboring men to give Any retailer or consumer found guing

It was disclosed to-day that a number of wooden ships on the Pacific coast are ready for launching and are being held on the ways because they cannot be caulked for the water. In the Seattle of Puget Sound district a union of 185 caulkers has refused to permit apprentices to work with the men and have paid no heed to insistence that the union be increased to meet the situation, which demands at least 600 caulk-

Appeals to William L. Hutcheson, leader of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, by the Shipping Board for aid have brought the response that while the carpenters' union has greatly needed Having arrived at the conclusion that men listed and ready for this work for the immediate future appearances in the organization feels it must reach an understanding on demands made for representation on the Labor Adjustment Board of the Emergency Fleet Corporation before it will be free to act.

These caulkers are getting a base pay now of \$7 a day for eight hours and time and a half for overtime. Their average is said to be \$10 a day, and they heard here again until the treaty of are insisting on overtime as a condition peace has been signed.

Mr. Kraister in addition to being a sked a base pay of \$10 a day for an eight hour day.

#### Trying to Avoid Open Rupture. The Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation have appealed to the

days in an effort to avoid an open rup-

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and a large majority of other high officials of

large majority of other high officials of the Federation and the big international unions are doing all in their power to speed shipbuilding, but a number of groups are obdurate. The caulkers are affiliated with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

There are 225 wooden ships building on the Pacific coast, it was said by Shipping Board officials to-day, and there is sufficient timber and other materials now available to increase the number to 400 available to increase the number to 400 must accompany the order for the year's if labor were available. Instead of makes supply of coal follows:

Officials here, however, are despairing

# Appeal Made to Union.

In an endeavor to enlist the aid of the Puget Sound district union, William Pig-gott, district manager of the Seattle district for the Emergency Fleet Cor-

earnest and patriotic attention to the very serious conditions which have preday, which conditions are now becoming more serious than ever because the fact there is not a sufficient number of caulkers in the Northwest to finish the good ships now under construction and these that must be completed later in

order to win the war. "The wood shipbuilding programme of the Emergency Fleet Corporation calls for at least 162 ships to be launched between now and the end of December 1518, and at least 100 more as rapidly as they can be built. This extensive programme during this time when the need for ships is imperative is progress-ing as satisfactorly as can be expected

except for the caulking. "It is estimated that it will take upproximately 1,000 man-days to caulk one extra i to caulk all the vessels which must be put into the water before January 1. 1919. Figuring approximately 370 work-needs before the full supply of any conng days left in this year and dividing sumer is placed in his bins is also it this into the total of 162,000 means that approximately 600 caulkers will be needed to do this work, and this does not take into consideration necessary repair work.

# Situation Growing Worse.

"There have been many discussions In the larger cities the method by between shipbuilders and the caulkers' which each consumer is to obtain his organization in regard to the absolute normal supply of coal rests for its suc-"There have been many discussions necessity for more caulkers. Little, however, up to the present time has been accomplished, and the result is that we have many ships now ready to launch h are being held on the ways to be caulked and the situation daily is grow-

'While we have had plenty of evidence of the fact that the shipbuild-ing programme is being delayed for ferred in the hope that yourself and the wood shipbuilders would be able to the wood shipbuilders would be work out a satisfactory solution.

tration that the certified statement system is looser than the card system and "In the meantime overtime work has system entails survey of every house-hold. Each card will make provision for the purchase of ordered amounts been not only necessary but a condi-

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#### Mrs. Lena Gilbert Ford Missing Since Air Raid

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 8 .- Lena Gilbert Ford, formerly of Elmira, N. Y., author of the song "Keep the Home Fires Burning," is believed to be the first American victim of the German air raids on London. A bomb last night demolished her home in the northwestern section with five adjacent houses, and the occu-pants were buried in the wreck-

Rescue parties worked all night to extricate Mrs. Ford's son Walter. Her mother, Mrs. Brown, also of Elmira, was dug out and taken to a hospital seriously injured. At a late hour to-night Mrs. Ford had not been found. When alarm for the raid was sounded she was dining with Mrs. Isabel Fisk of New

# 11 DIE, 46 HURT IN LONDON RAID

liable to a fine of \$5,000 or two years German Airplanes Bomb City to Accompaniment of Aurora Borealis.

MANY HOMES WRECKED

Northwestern Section, Chiefly Residential. Scene of Worst Damage.

London, March 8 -- Eleven persons were killed and forty-six others were injured in an airplane raid upon London last night, according to the latest police GIVES MEN'S NAMES ONLY FLAME THROWERS USED reports, says an official announcement to-day. It is feared that an additional six bodies are in the rules of houses

the amount named in me statement of requirements.

The statement of requirements should be filled with the dealer as near April 1 as possible, and should state the amount of coal needed for the There was a remarkable display of the year ending March 31, 1819.

Dealers shall make deliveries of anthracite until every consumer has received two-thirds of his stated or Northern Lights last night, and it is be-Reved by many that this furnished conditions under which the air raiders could work more effectively than under a clear, star lit sky. Watchers on the Kent can people hereafter are denied all decoast said that just before they heard tailed information in casualty lists from the raiders approaching the whole north- the American front in France. The ad-After all the customers have received two-thirds of their year's needs delivery of the other third is to begin. The dealer is not restricted in methods of filling orders for bituminous coal for domestic consumption. If a comsumer has a quantity of coal on hand he shall receive only enough additional coal to bring his stocks to a point necessary for his normal needs. ern sky became illuminated in bands of dresses of the men, date of deaths and red and white light, which shone over wounds, and even the branch of the

the sea with far more powerful effect than the bright moon. Then, as if to accentuate the brightness by contrast, the skies to the southward toward France and the English Channel grew what seemed to be pitch dark.

Another feature of the raid was the strong breeze, which most persons believed hindered the operations of the nostile airplanes. Those who watched from high points the spectacle of the searchilights and gim flashes wondered lists. from high points the spectacle of the searchlights and gim flashes wondered how the enemy could face the wind and

# Northwest Section Reached.

The greatest damage in London was Information will not issue casualty lists. inflicted in the northwestern section. Correspondents, editors and the public where four bombs demolished several should apply in the future directly to houses. All the damage and casualties the War Department for all information chasers are required to make true doctaration in answer to the following questions.
Name of dealer? "It's Inte? Quantity
required for year ending March 31, 1919?
Quantity desired for immediate dedivery?
Quantity consumed during year ended
March 31, 1918? Quantity now on hand?
Kind of building? Number of recons?
Kind of building? Number of recons?
Kind of heating plant? Have you any unfilled orders with other dealers. It so,
amount and with whom?
I hereby certify that the above statemants are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. in this district were confined to two concerning casualties."

Mr. Creel, when asked for an explanaparallel streets, although as usual win-dows were broken for a radius of several tion, said: blocks. A single raider appeared over this area. Hundreds of persons were just preparing to desert their homes, most of which are three story buildings, was nothing for us to do but to submit for the more substantial shelter of the to it. two near by subways when the bombs

The first bomb made a square hit on three story dwelling of concrete and wounded. He said his duty was to carry jck, crashing through two floors before out orders of the Chief of Staff without brick, crashing through two floors before While the police, special it exploded. onstables and volunteer rescuers were busy there three more bombs fell near by in quick succession. Ambulances arrived speedily, and notwithstanding the confusion the rescuers worked effectively under the anti-aircraft bar-The new regulations are the first of the series for governing the control and distribution of the nation's fuel supplies during the coming coal year. They are For twenty minutes after the bombing of this district the barrage was

designed to guarantee an equitable dis-tribution of coal. continued Several persons were killed by the destruction of private houses in north-eastern London. The house of a vicar was partly wrecked, but the clergyman In former years the greatest reduction in the prices of coal has been in the month of April, when the prices were cut 50 cents, and then advanced 10 cents escaped. He is a special constable and had left home for duty when the warn-ing came a few minutes before the exmonth until in September the normal price was regained. The Fuel Admin-istration has held that this method per-mitted the early buyer to get the best plosion which damaged his residence. The vicar worked throughout the night, price and that by favoritism and other assisting circumstances many small lot purchas-neighbors. assisting the wounded and homeless ers were discriminated agains:
It is held that by having a uniform reduction of 30 cents for all low price months all purchasers can be treated equitably. Others contend that lacking extra inducement, buyers will hold back

A bomb which fell in a northern "TILSIT PEACE," SAYS LENINE, suburb destroyed two houses and dam-

#### Continued on Third Page. Many Entertainments

for the Smoke Fund

THERE seems to be no end to the good things prepared by loyal friends and supporters for THE SUN Tobacco Fund. There are new ones to announce almost every day and the army of contributors is growing constantly. All of this is good, but it also is necessary, for the need Over There is increasing. Read the story on page 5 and see how you

This is another extra certificate day in the Schulte cigar stores. Lay in a smoke supply for yourself and deposit your certificates in the fund box!

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# GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING NEW REVENUE LEGISLATION

President and Advisers Reported to Have in Mind Revision of War Tax Law-Single Taxation System Suggested.

CREEL HOLDS UP BRITISH, BEATEN

CASUALTY LIST BACK, RECOVER

Censor Insists Data Issued Attacked on More Than Mile

War Officials Say Elisions Haig's Men Rally and in

follows:

fire of our troops.

WASHINGTON, March & - President .

Revision of the present war tax law, it is stated authoritatively, is one feature of tentative Administration plans, which are expected to cover the Govern-

ment's financial needs for next year, in-cluding new bond issues. Broad features of the legislation probably will be discussed soon by the Presiof the national financial situation and needs, present and future, probably sub-mitting tentative bills for committee consideration embodying the Administration's programme.

Enactment of an entirely new tax bill, repealing many domestic taxation features of the Underwood law of 1913 and plan is expected to eliminate confusion islation to provide for the payment esulting from an attempt to enforce two

Under New War Order Is

Valueless to Public.

Are Made on Pershing's

Urgent Request.

Special Despatch to THE Sty

The first news of the new order

given this afternoon, when the Creel committee issued the following: "Hereafter the Committee on Public

"This order was a military one made

was nothing for us to do but to submit

new order would restrict the information

question and that the public would have

He did explain, however, that a strong

in Gen. Pershing's opinion, had contained

information of value to the enemy. These lists have shown how many men the

Germans succeeded in gassing on speci-

fic occasions. Nothing, he said, could be more satisfactory to the Germans.

No reason was advanced by Gen. Mc

Cain why even the addresses should be

"We Shall Yet Arise to Victory."

Adds Bolsbevik Lender.

PETROGRAD, Marth 8 - Nicholai Lenine.

the Bolshevik Premier, in an article against the Bolsheviki, who refused to ratify the peace treaty negotiated at

Brest-Litovsk, asserts that the terms Napoleon imposed upon the Prussia and Germany were tenfold heavier than Ger-

"We have concluded another Tilsit peace," he says. "We shall yet arise

to victory even as Germany, after Til-

ALLIES TO PAY HIGHER RATE.

attained deliverance from Napo-

on loans to the Allies has been

per cent. Since it now costs the

raised from 414 to 5 per cent, as a re-sult of the recent increase in the rates

on certificates of indebtedness from 4 to

United States Government more to bor-

row money from the American people,

Secretary McAdoo felt it necessary to charge more for the allied loans, al-

though these transactions mean practi-

Credits to the Allies now amount to \$4.734.400,000 and \$1,356.400,000 has

cally no profit to the United States.

actually been paid out.

many is imposing on Russia.

mmendation by Gen. Pershing made within the last day or two had prompted the action. The reason urged was that the casualty lists that had been issued,

Adjt.-Gen. McCain explained that the

WASHINGTON, March S .- The Ameri-

Washington, March 8.—President
Wilson and his advisers, according to apparently authentic reports at the Capitol, are beginning to consider new revenue legislation for presentation to Con
The question of increased taxes is said to be a matter not yet ready for consideration. A strong faction in Congresse to legislation for presentation to Con
manufacturing sales taxes and minor consumption or exclusively and posconsumption or excise levies, and pos-sibly changes in income rates. Another faction is expected to urge increase

levies on excess profits.

Nothing definite toward new legisla-tion is to be done, it is understood, until Secretary McAdoc, Commissioner Roper of the Internal Revenue Bureau and other Treasury officials can gather and dent in conference with Secretary Mc-Adoo and Administration leaders in Con-turns under existing laws. Secretary gress having charge of revenue ques- McAdoo has promised to submit prelimtions. Members of Congress believe the inary data to Congressional leaders next President will definitely advise Congress month, but further delay because of month, but further delay because of belated returns from excess profits and incomes is probable. Also the sugges-tion is made that in order to give time for further study of the situation and the operation of the new war tax law

legislation might well be deferred by Congress until fall. Vive-Governor Warburg of the Fedthe war tax law of last year and cub-stituting a new, single taxation system, night, recently recommended to the is said to be under consideration. Such a House Ways and Means Committee legexcess profits taxes in four instalmentation this year's payments are made.

Front Near Ypres and

Line Breaks.

Brilliant Counter Regain

the Lost Ground.

Loxpon, March 8 .- The most impor-

tant attack by the Germans against the

was delivered to-day on the Ypres-Dix-

mude sector. It extended over a mile

Shortly before dance to-day, after

heary artiflery preparation, the enemy delivered a strong local attack on a

front of over a mile south of Hout-

with great determination and

full back a short distance on a front

morning a counter attack was launched

by Yorkshire light infantry. It met with considerable success, with the result that the enemy's troops were driven back a distance of 3ed yards isyond their former front line, and heavy losses were inflicted upon them. Our positions are completely reestablished. Our casualties in the

enemy's region of attack and in the subsequent fighting were light.

selves captured a few prisoners. Hostile

rithery showed considerable activity

in the Givenchy, Neuve Chap

and Armentieres sections and east

A vigorous counter attack made by cavalry drove them back with severe losses from the positions which they

had been ordered to hold at all costs,

The Belgians took 100 unwounded pris-ohers, four officers and seven machine

veille, south of Berry-au-Bac.

Slight Chance of Recovery of For-

mer Secretary of Navy.

Meyer, formerly Secretary of the Navy,

several weeks, was reported to-night us

slowly sinking
His illness, due to a tumor of the

there was slight chance of his recovery.

sant to liver, took an unfavorable turn during 10 has the day, and his physician said that

to who has been ill at his home here for

BOSTON, March 8 .- George von L.

tion over a front of two kilometers.

military secret seemed to be disclosed in such addresses.

three German regiments, all being special storm troops, succeeded in gaining a footbold in the Belgian line.

McAdoo Announces Increase of In- work between Selle and Plaine

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- The interest GEORGE VON L. MEYER SINKING

Yorkshire light infantry.

# Berlin Army Statement.

Germany Opens

THE HAGUE, March 8 .- "We have acquired a direct free route via Russia to Persia and Afghanistan," says a despatch from the Wolff Bureau, the German semi-official agency, ceived here to-day.

Route to India

The announcement of the Wolff Bureau, if true, has an important bearing on the situation in western Asia and possibly ever

in India. The peace terms forced upon Russia at Brest-Litovsk took away from Russia districts in the Caucasian region through which it would be possible for the Germanic allies to gain entrance from the Black Sea or Turkey into Persia. Passage through Persia probably would meet with only nominal opposition, while s still further advance into Afghanistan would be possible.

Special Cable Desputch to THE Str from the

British lines rince the Cambral drive Countight, 1918; all rights reserved movement in favor of ratifying the front and the British were compelled to peace treaty with the Central Powers is fall back in several places, but by coun- gaining ground and there is little doubt ter attacks they reestablished their lines, that the Lenine following will carry the Generalist reports to-night. His report day at the Moscow congress of Soviets councils next Tuesday, but that this will be followed by real peace is impossible. Proquent references in the press to the Austrians and Germans in the most un-complimentary terms are an indication

holst forest. On a greater part of this front his attack broke down under the of public feeling. The Germans are faced by the neces-sity of restoring order in Russia or of allowing the revolution to ferment and At one point, however, on the left of our line, where the attack was pressed continue: the latter they are not likely to do, hence their occupation of Petroported by froots carrying flame throwers, some of the soldter holding our advanced posts were compelled to grad is regarded as certain. The city presents a deserted appearance aside from the various Ministries, or Government departments, where carts are loading the office paraphernalia, After severe fighting later in the seing taken hastily to the railroad sta-

tion for conveyance to Moscow

Owing to the stringent measures to combat uprisings, sabotage and crims excellent order is being kept in the city The British Embassy staff passed through the fighting zone in Finland beond Tammorfors last night. Although the train was fired upon it got through continued on the way to Tornea, on the Swedish frontier.

#### Sussex troops carried out a suc-cessful raid this morning east of Lit Ventle, and with little loss to them-TRAINS ARE SUSPENDED Fleeing Petrograd Populace Pays

#### Fabutous Prices for Sleighs. Permograp, March 6 (delayed). frograd is calmly awaiting news of

its fate during the quiet offered by The Belglans crushed two sharp Gerand Workmen's Congress at Moscow Evidence that the city is being evac-uated is seen everywhere. The Ministry of Marine is sending its archives to The first was against the Beverdik posi-Nijmi-Novgorod The second was south of Stuvdekenswithheld. Persons who were ready to kerke and directed against positions held concede the point with respect to dates by dismounted cavalry. After a violent and branch of service argued that no artillery preparation men belonging to

The Ministry of the Interior is moving to Moscow. M. Dibenko, Commissioner of Marine, has been missing for several days Crowds are trying to leave the the regular trains have been suspended and permission to use spe-cial trains is difficult to obtain. Pabu-lous prices are paid for sleighs, while thousands are walking out along the thousands are valuing but along highways and railroads.

The theatres, opera and ballet are open as usual, the public being indifferent as the result of the long strain to

Berlin reports the capture of thirty
Belgians, apparently in the same action.
German artillery was active to-day
south of Cambrai, between Vermelles
and Armentieres and east and northwest
of Yores. sure of arms. He stated the term of Ypres.
Similar activity of the big guns the treaty differ from the terms offered on February 21 only in the surrender of the Caucasian districts of Batoum, Kars Verdun front, particularly on the right bank of the Meuse north of Hill 344, although it was not followed there by although it was not followed there by the districts from Turkey. He stated the districts from Turkey. He stated infantry fighting. Herlin reports some that it was the Russian understanding prisoners taken in a raid east of Laneu-that the army was to return to the pre-Lorraine front there was heavy artillery

M. Alexieft said that a peace accepted so unwillingly by Russia inevitably must be short lived.

German military movements in the northern districts of Russia apparently have stopped, but the enemy is so close that it is difficult to retain the Govern ment in Petrograd. Its removal to Mos-cow is generally expected before the

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